energy in the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) the manner in which afforestation plans have been coordinated with rural fuel requirements ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) No specific recommendations regarding the rural energy requirement in Eighth Plan were made by the Advisory Board on Energy.

Estimated Commercial Losses to SEBs

808. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the estimated commercial losses of all State Electricity Board during 1991-92;

(b) how these compare with losses in 1980 and 1985;

(c) what has been the rate of return on capital invested in SEBs during the last five years; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to tone up the physical and financial performance of SEBs ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) Accounts for the year 1991-92 have not so far been received from the SEBs. The commercial losses after taking into account the subsidy as provided in the accounts of the SEBs during the years ending March, 1980, 1985 and 1991 are as follows:

Year ending March	Rs. in crore
1980	—93.00
1985	—257.50
1991	—1390.63

(c) The overall rate of return achieved by the SEBs on the net fixed assets at the beginning of the year (less consumers' contribution) during the last five years is as under:—

Year ending March	rate of return
1986	—2.64
1987	—0.64
1988	—1.65
1989	—1.82
1990	—2.73

(d) State Governments have been impressed upon, from time to time, including in the Conferences of Power Ministers of States, to improve the operations of the SEBs so as to achieve the statutory surplus of 3% and to take steps like equity participation, provision of subsidy to meet the losses for supply of power to the agricultural sector, timely revision of tariff, improving the performance of generating stations, reducing T&D losses etc. States have also been urged for fixation of a minimum agricultural power tariff of 50 paise/kwh. Incentive Schemes for improved performance of thermal power stations/reduction of T&D losses have been introduced. It is also proposed, in consultation with the SEBs and State Govts., to establish a National Power Tariff Board and five Regional Power Tariff Boards to recommend appropriate tariff structure for each State.

विद्युत की बचत के बारे में "ऊर्जा प्रबंध केन्द्र" का प्रतिवेदन

809. डा० जितेन्द्र कुमार जैन :
सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :

क्या विद्युत और गैर-पारम्परिक ऊर्जा स्रोत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार द्वारा, देश में विद्युत की बचत के संबंध में गठित "ऊर्जा प्रबंध केन्द्र" ने अपना प्रतिवेदन प्रस्तुत कर दिया है;